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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 58.2 degrees, 5.0 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 25. Precipitation averaged 1.05 inches, 0.24 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 4 points above normal.

Reporters rated 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 23. This is 1.0 day less than last year but 0.1 day more than the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	3.7	2.7	11.4
2003	4.7	4.5	16.2
1999-2003 Average	3.6	2.2	14.3

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	3	53	44
Last Week	0	2	53	45
Same Week Last Year	1	7	80	12
1999-2003 Average	0	4	75	21

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 25

Corn growers have thirty percent of their crop planted, compared to 14 percent last year and eight percent for the five-year average. Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 40 percent jointed, this is two days behind last year's schedule and three days behind the 1999-03 average.

Approximately two percent of winter wheat is headed. Fifty-two percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is three days behind last year and four days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate that about 10 percent of oats have emerged. This is four days behind 2003 and 12 days behind the five-year average. **Soybean** producers have eight percent of their crop planted. This is slightly ahead of last year and four days ahead of the five-year average. Approximately 25 percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is slightly behind last year, and the same as the 1999-2003 average.

Apples are 87 percent in green tip and 25 percent in full bloom, compared to 97 percent in green tip and 46 percent in full bloom last year. **Peaches** are 87 percent in green tip and 38 percent in full bloom, compared to 95 and 49 percent respectively in 2003.

Warm weather throughout the weekend and into the first half of last week allowed field operations to resume. Producers planted large amounts of corn this past week and modest amounts of oats, soybeans, and potatoes. Farmers prepared no-till soybean fields by applying burn-down chemicals, and others applied herbicides and fertilizers to corn fields. Vegetables growers continue planting, cabbage, sweet corn, peppers and transplanted tomatoes. Greenhouses are reporting lots of flower sales, with plentiful bedding and ornamental plants.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Lack of rain this spring, in the northern part of the state, has some in the farming community concerned and apprehensive of planting. Reporters rated the majority of winter wheat at 74 percent good to excellent condition. Allen county is reporting winter wheat in Feekes stage six, with one visible node above the ground.

Livestock was rated at 82 percent good to excellent condition compared to 77 percent the previous week. Pasture condition was rated at 71 percent good to excellent compared to 62 percent the previous week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 25

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples green tip	87	97	87	64	NA
Apples blooming	25	46	33	4	NA
Corn planted	30	14	8	3	20
Oats planted	52	64	62	30	45
Oats emerged	10	17	36	3	7
Peaches green tip	87	95	87	50	NA
Peaches Blooming	38	49	56	5	NA
Potatoes planted	25	26	25	16	NA
Soybeans planted	8	4	3	1	NA
Winter wheat jointed	40	48	49	21	NA
Winter wheat headed	2	NA	NA	1	11

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 25

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	19	60	20
Previous Week	0	2	23	64	11
Previous Year	0	2	24	61	13
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	24	59	13
Previous Week	1	5	28	58	8
Previous Year	1	3	19	62	15
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	16	67	15
Previous Week	1	3	19	64	13
Previous Year	0	2	15	67	16
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	5	24	57	14
Previous Week	1	6	31	53	9
Previous Year	1	3	27	55	14
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	19	60	20
Previous Week	0	2	25	63	10
Previous Year	1	4	22	59	14
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	21	55	19
Previous Week	1	4	21	59	15
Previous Year	1	3	16	54	26

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 25

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	56.2	4.2	0.60	-0.28	0.86	-2.01	56	6	161	31
North Central	55.3	3.6	0.71	-0.13	2.29	-0.61	50	2	133	9
Northeast	55.4	4.6	0.94	0.22	3.38	0.42	49	2	112	-9
West Central	57.8	4.5	1.11	0.23	1.93	-1.19	57	1	163	14
Central	58.8	5.2	1.37	0.60	3.29	0.24	61	3	158	-2
Central Hills	56.6	4.5	1.06	0.28	3.18	0.14	53	1	133	-6
Northeast Hills	57.9	5.3	1.06	0.38	3.64	0.74	59	4	135	-13
Southwest	59.4	4.4	1.40	0.49	2.97	-0.37	64	1	178	4
South Central	61.9	6.2	1.11	0.33	4.14	1.36	75	5	194	-7
Southeast	60.9	6.9	1.03	0.29	4.16	1.27	70	8	171	-4
STATE	58.2	5.0	1.05	0.24	2.98	0.00	60	4	157	2

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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